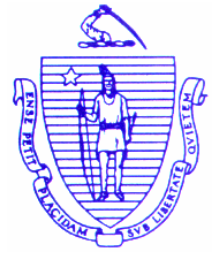




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ATLANTIC SEA HERRING SPAWNING CLOSURE EXTENDED THROUGH TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST.

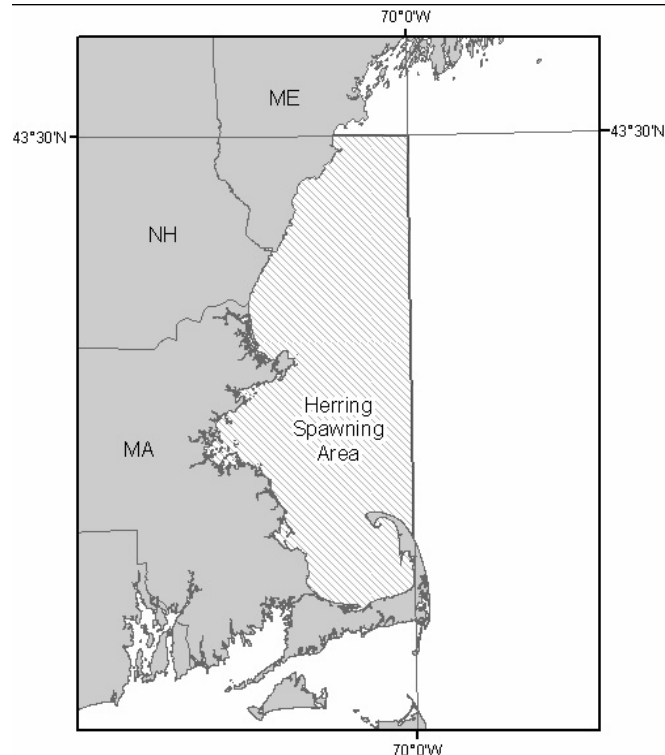
In accordance with 322 CMR 9.00, *Marine Fisheries* is providing this notice of an extended Atlantic sea herring spawning closure (see original closure notice from September 19, 2005). This is one of a few spawning closures in the Gulf of Maine timed to anticipate when herring begin their autumn spawning. At this time sampling indicates that spawning is still occurring and warrants an extension of the closure. Therefore, the current prohibition on possession or landing of sea herring caught from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire Spawning Area (322 CMR 9.03) will remain in effect through November 1, 2005.

Exceptions:

- During the closure it will be lawful to land herring taken from this area provided "spawn" herring comprise less than 20% of the amount of herring in possession.
- For incidental catch in other fisheries, no more than 2,000 lbs. per trip of sea herring in any spawning condition may be caught from this area. Please note that the Saturday and Sunday prohibition on landing and possession of herring, regardless of spawning condition, caught in Management Area 1A is still in place (322 CMR 9.05).

Definitions:

Spawn herring means mature sea herring in gonad stages V and VI.



Spawning area boundaries begin at the intersection of 43°30' N latitude and the Maine coast, then in a SW direction along the coast to the intersection of 70°00' W longitude with the Cape Cod shoreline, then north along 70°00'W to its intersection with 43°30' N latitude, then along the 43°30'N line back to the coast.

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